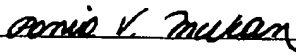


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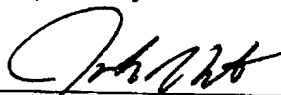
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated March 12, 2003, or until September 12, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$930.00 to pay the two-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(2).

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